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1. SENATOR BIRCH BAYH ASKED THE SHAH DURING AUDIENCE AFTER-
NOON SEPTEMBER 6 WHETHER OR NOT HE APPROVED OF THE STEPS
TAKEN BY THE KUWAITI GOVERNMENT ON AUGUST 29 TO CLOSE DOWN
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND INTRODUCE MORE STRINGENT CONTROLS
ON THE PRESS. THE SHAH REPLIED, "I CERTAINLY DO APPROVE OF
WHAT THE EMIR HAS DONE. WE HAVE BEEN TELLING THE KUWAITIS
FOR YEARS THAT THEY SHOULD MOVE TO SHORE UP THEIR SECURITY
SITUATION, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD BE TAKEN OVER BY RADICAL
ELEMENTS, PROBABLY PALESTINIAN. IT IS HIGH TIME THEY DID WHAT
THEY HAVE JUST DONE."

SENATOR BAYH DID NOT PURSUE THE MATTER.
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